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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Junichi HANNA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: 09/679,538

Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: LIQUID CRYSTALLINE COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

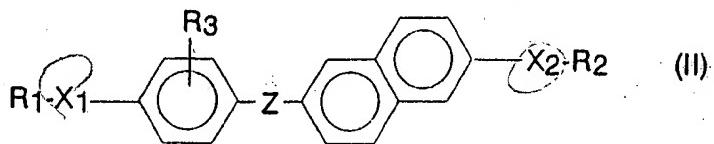
Sir:

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In reply to the Final Rejection mailed July 24, 2002, please
undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystalline compound represented
by the following general formula (II):



wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a straight-chain, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms and may be attached directly to the aromatic ring without through X_1 or X_2 ; R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, or a methyl group; X_1 represents a sulfur atom, or a $-CO-$, $-OCO-$, $-COO-$, $-N=CH-$, $-CONH-$, $-NH-$, or $-CH_2-$ group; X_2 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a $-CO-$, $-OCO-$, $-COO-$, $-N=CH-$, $-CONH-$, $-NH-$, $-NHCO-$, or $-CH_2-$ group; and Z represents a $-N=N-$, $-CH=N-$, $-CH_2S-$, or $-CH=CH-$ group.

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